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Subject: Re: CAG Additions to September Meeting Agenda with EPA, CDPHE, Denver

Dear Jennifer,
Kim is on a well deserved vacation and I will be standing in for her at the September CAG meeting.

Thanks for reaching out to ask what the CAG would like to ask of the EPA at the meeting.

A request for the following information, delivered in a timely manner, was requested of the EPA at the June, 2019 CAG meeting:

- 1. A list** of all documents and reports that provided the data being compiled into the master database for OU2; and,
- 2. Copies of**, or electronic access to, each of those documents prior to the release of whatever database, report or assessment on which the CCoD was working off of, well before the 30 day public comment period begins.

Since the CAG experts (See Advisory Group in CAG Newsletter) have not yet been given access to the requested data or reports, we are repeating the same request. Again, our experts have requested access to raw data as well as reports with agency interpretations.

One of the congressional mandates of the CAG is to advise the EPA and others on matters regarding work being done in the Site, as the work progresses.

The EPA describes this mandate is a process over time between EPA, CDPHE, CC of Denver, the community, political leaders, PRPs and others and is very different from the 30 day comment period offered to the general public once a draft has been completed.

Our well qualified experts stand ready to examine the data and reports and to advise the CAG on any recommendations or resolutions that they may offer the EPA.
CAG experts have informed us that in order to do a credible, thorough job, they need access to the data and reports well before the 30 day public comment period begins.

Thanks again for your offer and we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Bridget Walsh

On Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 7:25 PM CAG Administrator <vbi170cag@gmail.com> wrote:
Jennifer,

With all due respect, the agenda looks nearly identical to the last two EPA quarterly updates. I see there are items for the Five year review and the site assessment report for National Western. Those items will be welcome additions.

As we have discussed on multiple occasions, EPA once desired for our group to focus specifically on OU2. In the spring both CAG members and community turned our attention back to OU2 and the remedial investigation. As we've previously requested, we would like specific information about the *historical context* of OU2, things such as types of waste buried there, volume of waste - storage and disposal and the relevant timeline, composition or characteristics of the waste; *more contemporary use of the site* in terms of waste generation, storage and disposal, nature and types of waste onsite at the time of Denver's purchase and the changes in the waste landscape of OU2 in the time since the purchase, also to include volumes and type of waste, composition and the like; and information about the municipal landfill wastes in this area. These and others are all data points one would expect to be factored into an expanded and updated investigation of the site.

As this appears to be the most active of the operable units and we've asked for this information for at least 2 of the 3 previous quarterly meetings, what is your team willing to do to shed light on the investigation and share this information with the community?

Copying Bridget and Chuck, Bridget who is my back up at this meeting and Chuck too who may have some additional inputs for the agenda.

Regards,

Kim

On Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 11:24 AM Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok. Sounds good. Here's the draft agenda. Please let me know if the CAG wants to add anything or has any suggestions...

Thanks,

-jc

From: CAG Administrator <vbi170cag@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:21 PM

To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Time to chat?

Jennifer,

I'll check my calendar and get back to you shortly.

In the meantime, do you have the agenda for Tuesday's meeting?

Kim


On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 1:25 PM Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kim. Unfortunately, I'm out of state at another site the first week of October. However, both Jesse and I are available Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 7 or 8. Would either of those work? If so, what's a good time? If not, are there other days that week or next that would work?

I suggested the facilitator join because he is interested in getting to know you and the CAG members and your concerns a little better since he'll hopefully be continuing with us for upcoming quarterly meetings. But I'm realizing now that this suggestion may have come across as if I felt we needed a facilitator present for our discussion. That wasn't the intent. We can meet without him, if you think that seems more comfortable.

Just let me know and have a wonderful vacation,

-jc



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From: CAG Administrator <vbil170cag@gmail.com>
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To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat?

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for following up. I've been thinking about my request to Jesse to meet. To be honest, life has been a bit hectic as of late and I am leaving for a rare vacation Friday, September 13, through next

week. Let's plan for the first week in October for that conversation. Perhaps we can meet at a neutral location such as one of the local Starbucks locations. Would 4/4:15 work for you on the 2nd or 3rd?

And is there any reason in particular that you'd like to have EPA's contracted meeting facilitator join this conversation, which is to be about the working relationship between EPA and the working Community Advisory Group the agency assembled for the VB/I-70 Superfund site?

Regards,

Kim

On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 11:03 AM Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kim. I know that you and Jesse had emailed a couple of weeks ago about possibly setting up a time to meet and discuss our working relationship regarding VB/I-70? I think that would be a great idea. Do you have any availability this Friday the 13th (ominous date, I know). Please let me know. Our facilitator for the quarterly meetings, Joe McMahon, would like to join as well, if that's OK. Just let me know. BTW, I should be sending you a draft agenda for next Tuesday's meeting today or tomorrow for the CAG's input.

-jc

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Warmest regards,

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